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Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, MAY 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,592.8	137.0	7.9	72.5	1,192.7	94.9	7.4	52.1	2,785.6	231.9	7.7	62.1
Sydney Major SR	1,017.3	80.3	7.3	74.0	780.9	53.3	6.4	53.9	1,798.3	133.6	6.9	63.7
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	109.5	7.4	6.3	69.6	88.1	6.7	7.1	56.4	197.6	14.1	6.7	63.0
Inner Sydney SR	65.3	4.3	6.1	69.0	61.6	* 3.5	* 5.4	61.7	126.9	7.8	5.8	65.3
Eastern Suburbs SR	69.2	* 3.1	* 4.3	75.1	53.7	* 1.6	* 2.9	58.0	123.0	4.7	3.7	66.6
St. George-Sutherland SR	119.7	7.6	6.0	73.7	91.6	4.0	4.2	56.0	211.3	11.6	5.2	64.9
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	72.0	10.1	12.3	67.8	55.4	4.9	8.1	47.8	127.4	15.0	10.6	57.6
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	139.5	17.5	11.1	77.2	92.0	8.8	8.7	49.0	231.5	26.3	10.2	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	70.3	13.2	15.8	72.8	46.5	5.7	11.0	45.1	116.8	18.9	13.9	58.9
Central Western Sydney SR	61.0	9.0	12.9	71.6	38.5	6.1	13.6	44.0	99.5	15.1	13.2	57.6
Outer Western Sydney SR	73.1	4.5	5.8	78.1	56.9	4.3	7.0	56.0	129.9	8.8	6.3	66.5
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	100.4	5.7	5.4	78.5	79.2	6.4	7.5	61.9	179.7	12.1	6.3	70.1
Lower Northern Sydney SR	80.1	* 4.7	* 5.5	76.6	63.5	* 0.7	* 1.1	56.2	143.6	5.4	3.6	66.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	69.2	* 2.9	* 4.0	73.6	54.8	* 3.3	* 5.6	55.5	124.0	6.1	4.7	64.2
Northern Beaches SR	58.2	* 1.9	* 3.2	77.9	57.0	* 0.9	* 1.5	55.6	115.1	2.8	2.4	65.1
Gosford-Wyong SR	65.3	5.8	8.2	68.3	50.3	5.7	10.2	51.2	115.6	11.5	9.1	59.5
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	575.5	56.7	9.0	70.1	411.8	41.6	9.2	49.1	987.3	98.3	9.1	59.5
Hunter SR	124.1	13.1	9.5	68.3	87.2	11.4	11.6	47.6	211.3	24.5	10.4	57.8
Newcastle SR Sector	104.7	12.4	10.6	67.1	73.9	10.0	12.0	46.5	178.6	22.5	11.2	56.6
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	152.5	13.0	7.9	71.3	109.8	13.0	10.6	49.1	262.3	26.1	9.0	59.8
Illawarra Statistical Region	104.6	9.8	8.6	70.6	69.9	9.0	11.4	46.5	174.5	18.8	9.7	58.3
Wollongong SR Sector	82.3	7.0	7.8	74.1	53.6	7.1	11.6	48.1	135.9	14.0	9.3	60.8
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	91.1	15.3	14.3	64.2	74.9	9.6	11.4	47.3	166.1	24.9	13.0	55.5
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	123.7	8.2	6.2	71.8	89.2	* 4.6	* 4.9	51.6	213.0	12.8	5.7	61.8
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	79.4	6.4	7.5	76.9	48.1	* 2.9	* 5.7	51.5	127.6	9.3	6.8	65.0

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,187.9	109.2	8.4	73.9	904.3	82.3	8.3	53.9	2,092.3	191.5	8.4	63.7
Melbourne Major SR	859.0	77.4	8.3	74.1	667.4	58.4	8.0	54.7	1,526.4	135.8	8.2	64.2
North Western Melbourne SR	75.4	6.9	8.4	78.6	56.7	7.2	11.3	58.0	132.1	14.2	9.7	68.0
Outer Western Melbourne SR	115.5	16.2	12.3	71.1	88.8	12.1	12.0	51.0	204.3	28.3	12.2	60.7
Inner Melbourne SR	57.3	6.3	9.9	69.7	46.9	4.1	8.1	59.6	104.3	10.4	9.1	64.8
North Eastern Melbourne SR	108.9	14.6	11.8	75.5	78.3	8.6	9.9	51.4	187.2	23.2	11.0	63.2
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	117.3	6.4	5.2	70.6	101.8	5.7	5.3	55.9	219.1	12.0	5.2	62.9
Southern Melbourne SR	97.3	5.7	5.5	73.9	85.7	* 3.8	* 4.3	57.3	183.1	9.5	4.9	65.1
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	140.2	10.2	6.8	80.3	103.8	6.0	5.4	57.5	244.0	16.2	6.2	68.8
South Eastern Melbourne SR	100.5	6.8	6.3	79.0	72.1	7.8	9.7	58.8	172.6	14.6	7.8	68.9
Mornington Peninsula SR	46.7	4.3	8.4	62.6	33.2	* 3.1	* 8.5	41.6	79.9	7.4	8.5	51.8
Balance of Victoria Major SR	328.9	31.8	8.8	73.3	237.0	23.9	9.1	51.6	565.9	55.7	9.0	62.3
Barwon-Western District SR	94.9	10.0	9.5	76.6	71.8	8.4	10.5	57.2	166.7	18.4	9.9	66.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	47.6	5.2	9.8	74.2	37.3	* 2.6	* 6.4	49.6	84.9	7.7	8.4	61.2
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	59.9	7.6	11.3	69.4	40.0	* 3.2	* 7.5	43.9	99.8	10.9	9.8	56.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	66.8	5.3	7.4	73.5	52.3	4.5	8.0	57.4	119.1	9.9	7.7	65.4
All Gippsland SR	59.8	* 3.7	* 5.9	71.8	35.6	5.1	12.5	46.4	95.3	8.8	8.5	59.1
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	878.0	88.4	9.1	74.8	646.2	68.4	9.6	54.3	1,524.2	156.7	9.3	64.5
Brisbane Major SR	404.5	38.8	8.8	75.7	317.9	30.6	8.8	57.2	722.4	69.4	8.8	66.3
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	97.3	8.5	8.1	71.9	82.7	5.7	6.5	57.3	180.0	14.3	7.3	64.4
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	122.0	8.6	6.6	75.1	101.6	8.0	7.3	57.7	223.5	16.6	6.9	66.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	78.9	8.4	9.6	79.8	55.7	7.1	11.3	59.8	134.5	15.5	10.3	70.0
North and West BSD Balance SR	106.4	13.3	11.1	77.3	78.0	9.7	11.1	54.8	184.4	23.0	11.1	65.9
Balance of Queensland Major SR	473.5	49.5	9.5	74.0	328.3	37.8	10.3	51.9	801.8	87.3	9.8	62.9
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	87.3	9.6	9.9	70.9	68.3	8.0	10.5	53.8	155.5	17.6	10.2	62.2
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	60.3	7.3	10.8	66.9	45.4	5.1	10.2	49.2	105.7	12.4	10.5	58.0
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	56.5	10.4	15.5	69.1	39.2	5.5	12.3	47.6	95.7	15.9	14.2	58.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	64.3	4.1	5.9	76.4	36.0	4.0	10.1	44.9	100.3	8.1	7.5	60.7
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	87.4	8.6	8.9	78.4	56.2	8.1	12.6	52.8	143.6	16.7	10.4	65.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	55.2	5.8	9.6	77.6	39.2	3.8	8.9	52.3	94.4	9.7	9.3	64.7
Far North Statistical Region	62.5	3.8	5.7	81.3	44.1	* 3.2	* 6.8	63.4	106.6	7.0	6.2	72.8

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	366.6	41.4	10.1	70.7	291.6	26.8	8.4	53.2	658.2	68.2	9.4	61.8
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	264.7	32.7	11.0	70.0	218.5	21.1	8.8	53.2	483.2	53.8	10.0	61.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	90.1	10.5	10.5	77.2	73.1	6.1	7.7	56.6	163.2	16.6	9.3	66.5
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	41.8	7.5	15.2	60.1	36.7	3.3	8.1	48.5	78.6	10.8	12.1	54.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	51.4	4.2	7.5	65.6	44.1	4.4	9.1	52.2	95.5	8.6	8.2	58.6
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.3	10.5	11.4	71.9	64.6	7.3	10.2	53.5	145.9	17.8	10.9	62.4
Balance of South Australia Major SR	101.9	8.7	7.9	72.6	73.1	5.7	7.3	53.2	175.1	14.4	7.6	63.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.9	4.5	9.9	73.5	29.0	2.5	7.9	53.5	69.9	7.0	9.1	63.7
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	61.0	4.2	6.5	72.0	44.1	3.2	6.9	53.0	105.1	7.5	6.6	62.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	478.1	41.9	8.1	76.4	359.5	27.0	7.0	56.2	837.6	68.9	7.6	66.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	343.8	29.3	7.9	75.3	269.2	20.7	7.1	56.0	613.0	50.0	7.5	65.5
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	40.5	2.6	6.0	69.3	31.6	3.3	9.4	55.9	72.1	5.8	7.5	62.6
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	54.2	2.9	5.0	75.1	41.7	2.4	5.4	56.8	95.9	5.3	5.2	65.8
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	105.1	10.9	9.4	78.0	79.2	6.1	7.2	53.8	184.3	17.0	8.4	65.5
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	68.5	5.5	7.4	73.3	52.4	3.6	6.4	53.3	120.9	9.0	7.0	63.1
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	75.5	7.5	9.1	77.3	64.4	5.3	7.6	61.4	139.9	12.9	8.4	69.1
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	134.3	12.6	8.6	79.2	90.3	6.3	6.6	56.9	224.6	18.9	7.8	68.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	66.5	8.4	11.2	76.2	45.7	3.8	7.6	53.2	112.2	12.2	9.8	65.0
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	67.8	4.1	5.8	82.5	44.6	2.6	5.5	61.2	112.4	6.7	5.6	72.5
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	115.0	14.0	10.9	71.2	86.0	8.2	8.7	50.3	200.9	22.2	10.0	60.6
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.0	6.7	10.6	70.0	43.7	3.7	7.9	51.0	99.7	10.4	9.4	60.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.4	5.3	10.3	69.7	37.4	3.2	7.8	51.6	83.8	8.5	9.2	60.4
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.3	3.9	10.8	72.3	24.5	2.2	8.1	51.8	56.8	6.0	9.6	61.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.6	3.5	11.5	72.5	17.8	2.3	11.5	46.9	44.4	5.8	11.5	59.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.3	2.9	6.0	75.6	36.5	2.4	6.2	62.6	81.8	5.3	6.1	69.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.2	7.3	8.0	80.4	72.2	6.2	7.9	66.2	156.4	13.5	7.9	73.1
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,748.0	442.0	8.5	73.6	3,589.1	316.1	8.1	53.7	8,337.1	758.2	8.3	63.5